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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Michael Pyzocha

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 September 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 September 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 01292002, 11122004.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-20 are pending.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: "access to the" in line 7 would read more clearly as "access from the". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

4. Claims 1, 10-11, 14-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by ITL Bulletin (hereinafter ITL).

As per claim 1, ITL discloses an intrusion preventing system which prevents an intrusion to regular data storage means connected to a network, comprising: decoy data storage means which is provided separately from the regular data storage means; and guiding means which guides an illegal access to the

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regular data storage means into the decoy data storage means (see page 4 column 3).

As per claim 10, ITL discloses the regular data storage means is a regular server, and the decoy data storage means is a decoy server provided together with the regular server (see page 4 column 3).

As per claim 11, ITL discloses intrusion judging means which judges whether or not a communication session established between the regular server and an external terminal is due to intrusion; communication session relaying means which relays a communication session which has been judged as an intrusion from the regular server to the decoy server; and path switching means which transfers a packet whose destination is the regular sever to the decoy server in a communication session which has been judged as the intrusion (see page 4 column 3 and page 2 column 3 which discloses a packet-based IDS).

As per claims 14-15, IT discloses a buffer for transfer which sequentially stores the same packets as packets whose destinations are the regular server; and a buffer for return which sequentially returns responses returned from the decoy server, wherein, when the communication session which has been judged as the intrusion is relayed to the decoy server, the buffer for transfer sequentially outputs the responses from the

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first packet which has been returned in response to the first packet transferred after relayed (see page 4).

As per claim 16, ITL discloses pseudo response means which, without transferring a packet whose destination has been converted from the regular server to the decoy server, creates a response command to the packet in a pseudo manner to return the same (see page 4).

As per claim 17, ITL discloses when a source address of a communication session, which has been judged as intrusion is stored and a packet containing the source address is then input, a communication session is established between the decoy server and the user (see page 4).

As per claim 18, ITL discloses in the communication session established between the decoy server and the user, action logs and trace data of the user are collected (see page 4).

As per claim 19, ITL discloses the path switching means includes means which converts the content of the response command returned from the decoy server to the content of a response command which will be output when the regular server receives a packet (see page 4 where this is inherent because if this step did not occur the user would know it has be switched to a different server).

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As per claim 20, ITL discloses an intrusion preventing system which prevents an intrusion to a regular region of a server connected to a network, wherein without allowing access to the regular region for an access command whose destination is the regular region, a pseudo response command expressing a message where the access to the regular region has been succeeded is returned response to the access to the regular region (see page 4 column 3).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 2-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over ITL as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Golan (US 5974549).

As per claim 2, ITL fails to disclose the decoy and regular data storage means are on the same server, with the decoy means being secured.

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However, Golan teaches such regions on the same system (see column 2 lines 13-28).

At the time of the invention it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use Golan's method of secure regions in the IDS system of ITL.

Motivation to do so would have been to only allow certain APIs to execute (see Golan column 2 lines 39-48).

As per claim 3, the modified ITL and Golan system discloses destination rewriting means, which rewrites a destination of an access, which is the server to the decoy region (see ITL page 4).

As per claim 4, the modified ITL and Golan system discloses response rewriting means which rewrites the content of a response command returned in response to an access to the decoy region to the content of a response command which is to be returned in response to an access to the regular region (see ITL page 4).

As per claims 5-7, the modified ITL and Golan system discloses monitors whether or not an access whose destination is the regular region is an illegal access, wherein the destination rewriting means rewrites the destination of an illegal access to the decoy region (see ITL page 4).

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As per claim 8, the modified ITL and Golan system discloses the regular region and the decoy region are allocated with a common IP address (see page 4 as applied to the cited Golan sections).

As per claim 9, the modified ITL and Golan system discloses means that collects action logs or trace data of a session guided to the decoy region (see ITL page 4).

7. Claims 12-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over ITL as applied to claim 10 above, and further in view of FOLDOC.

As per claims 12-13, ITL fails to disclose the response from the decoy server would be the same (or mirrored) as the regular server.

However, FOLDOC teaches mirroring (see page 1).

At the time of the invention it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use mirroring from FOLDOC with the IDS of ITL.

Motivation to do so would have been to protect the data (see FOLDOC page 1).

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Bace (An

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Introduction to Intrusion Detection and Assessment) discloses the use of a decoy server to which hackers are redirected, Network Associates (Next Generation Intrusion Detection in High-Speed Networks) discloses sacrificial servers with dummy data, Huff et al (US 6408391) discloses intrusion detection with redirection do dummy data, Moran (US 6826697) discloses honey pots with trap hosts, and Sorkin et al (US 20020157021) discloses honey pots with trap hosts.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Pyzocha whose telephone number is (571) 272-3875. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00am - 4:30pm first Fridays of the bi-week off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Caldwell can be reached on (571) 272-3868. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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